

MADAM SPEAKER :—Yes.

‡ *Closure of 12 Primary Schools in Belgaum*

236. SRI B. B. SAYANAK (Belgaum):—

Will the Minister for Education be pleased to state:—

(a) whether it is a fact that 12 primary schools were closed during the period from 16th to 31st July, 1974, by the A.E.O. Belgaum;

(b) if so, the reasons for closing these schools;

(c) whether it is a fact that the Minister of State for Primary and Secondary Education had assured the authorities running these schools to sanction to Rs.25,000 towards the repair works of these primary schools buildings;

(d) if so, the date on which the assurance was given;

(e) out of these schools the number of schools imparting education in Marathi, Kannada and Urdu medium;

(f) whether the students studying in these schools have taken out Morcha to the Deputy Commissioner's Office on 19-7-1974;

(g) if so, the details of their demand?

SRI M. MALLIKARJUNASWAMY (Minister for Education):

(a) Only 11 primary schools were closed from 16-7-1974 to 31-7-1974

(b) Due to heavy and continuous rains there was leakage from the roof and other parts of these school buildings.

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(c) No assurance was given by the Minister of State for Primary and Secondary Education. But the matter was discussed when the Minister was at Belgaum on 21-6-1974.

(d) Does not arise in view of reply to (c) above.

(e) Marathi	2
Kannada	4
Urdu	...	5
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Total	11
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(f) Sir,

(g) 1. All school buildings must be repaired forthwith.

2. Alternate arrangements for housing the schools should be made.

3. Assurance for non-closure of Schools abruptly in future.

SRI B. B. SAYANAK : — Sir I know from the Government or the Hon. Minister whether it is a fact that the repair works of the primary schools were not being done in the beginning of the current year?

*SRI M. MALLIKARJUNASWAMY : ...Yes.

SRI B. B. SAYANAK : What is the reason for the repair works not being done in the beginning of the current year?

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SRI M. MALLIKARJUNASWAMY:—There was an economy order. That is why, it was not undertaken. Then, subsequently, in the month of August, 1974, orders have been issued to the effect that ordinary and special repairs may be undertaken to these primary schools.

SRI B. B. SAYANAK:—If there was an economy order, why the Government should not close these schools which are not in a good condition?

SRI M. MALLIKARJUNASWAMY:—How can we issue such an order?

SRI B. B. SAYANAK:—The Hon. Minister had mentioned in his reply that some discussion was held on 21-6-1974, when the State Minister of Education was in Belgaum. May I know with whom the discussion was held and the result of such discussion?

SRI M. MALLIKARJUNASWAMY:—Discussions were held with regard to the question of taking up repair works to these primary school buildings. The result of the discussions is indicated in the Government Order.

SRI P. A. PAWASHE: May I know whether any alternative arrangement is made for the students of the institutions which were closed?

SRI M. MALLIKARJUNASWAMY:—Alternative arrangements were made.

SRI B. B. SAYANAK:—It is not correct on the part of the Hon. Minister to say that alternative arrangements were made. These schools were closed for 15 days and there was a Morcha to the Deputy Commissioner. Is it not a fact?

SRI M. MA. LIKARJUNASWAMY: ...It is a fact. Alternative arrangements were made in a sense that students should not suffer.

SRI B. B. SAYANAK: ...Is it not a fact that the Government has not sanctioned the maintenance grant to these primary schools and that is the reason why the repair work was not taken up?

SRI M. MALLIKARJUNASWAMY: ... I have already answered. It was not done: subsequently, an order was issued.

SRI B. B. SAYANAK: ...What I would like to say is that the maintenance grant was not sanctioned to these primary schools. Is it not a fact?

SRI M. MALLIKARJUNASWAMY: ... I have already answered.

** Starting of Industries in Tumkur District.*

260. SRI B. BYRAPPAJI (Turuvekere)—

Will the Minister for Industries and Parliamentary Affairs be pleased to state :—

(a) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that Tumkur district is backward in Industrial Development;

(b) if so, the new industries propose to be set up by the Government in the district during the fifth five year plan by utilising the raw materials available in Tumkur District;

(c) whether the Government in accordance with its policy of decentralisation of industries, would set up some industries in Tumkur by decentralising the industries that are concentrated in Bangalore?